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Diversity Reflection

Coming from a small town and a small high school I was never really around too much diversity until coming to college. I knew most if not all of the people in my classes, on my sports teams, included in group projects, and involved in other related things held throughout my high school years. I was in for a big change when coming to school in Rhode Island, where I did not know a single person. Now being away at school for about two and a half years, I can truthfully say that I think being around more diversity has definitely benefited me in my educational journey and also as a person overall. Learning in a more diverse environment has certainly had positive effects on my cognitive development, leadership abilities, and overall educational experience. I am so much more comfortable and knowledgeable with racial and multiracial situations and issues. Also from being around diversity I have a better understanding of the individuals’ lives and cultures. It has certainly made me more open minded and a better listener. One major thing I have noticed is my ability to work with others has improved a great deal. For example, group projects in high school always were decently easy because I knew the people in my group and I knew what to expect and also had a pretty good idea of their work ethic. Now in college on the other hand, many times I have known nothing about anyone in my group, I’ve learned to adjust my work ethic according to my group members. It has also brought me out of my shell, I have begun to participate so much more in my classes now because I have accepted the fact that we all are different and that is completely okay. I feel that learning in a more diverse environment in college has prepared me for the challenges and reality of the real world. I am now so much more aware of the differences among us all.